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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed September 14, 1999 ("the Office Action"), Applicants request that the following amendments and remarks be made of record in the above-captioned patent application. Enclosed is also a petition for a one month extension of time which allows for the filing of a timely response up to and including January 14, 2000, and a check for \$110.00 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1).

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